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The following minute was adopted in tribute to the memory of the late Professor EDWARD S. HOLDEN:—

EDWARD SINGLETON HOLDEN, who died on March 16, 1914, was the founder of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, its first President, and the Chairman of its first Committee on Publication. To his organizing ability and his wise counsel, the Society owes not only its inception but also its rapid growth and its development into a definite force for the advancement of the science of astronomy. It was mainly at his suggestion that the funds for the Alexander Montgomery Library and for the Donohoe Comet-Medal were given to the Society, and it was due to his influence that Miss CATHERINE WOLF BRUCE made the Society the trustee for administering the Bruce Medal funds. The statutes governing the award of this medal, which have made the award one of the highest honors which an astronomer can receive, were originated by him. As long as his residence in California continued, he devoted time and thought earnestly and unselfishly to the promotion of the prosperity and influence of the Society.

In token of our gratitude for his devoted service, of our respect for his great ability, and of our sincere and deep regret at his death, we, the Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, enter this simple note upon our minutes.

We further direct that in future the List of Members of the Society be headed:

EDWARD SINGLETON HOLDEN, FOUNDER.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF
THE PACIFIC IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF STUDENTS'
OBSERVATORY, BERKELEY, ON MARCH
28, 1914, AT 8:00 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by President CRAWFORD, who introduced, as the speaker of the evening Dr. S. D. TOWNLEY, of Stanford, who delivered an instructive and exceedingly interesting address on the subject of "Some Recent Advances in the Study of Variable Stars."

At the close of the address the members present were invited to inspect the Bruce Gold Medal of the Society, which had just been received from the French Mint and duly engraved with the name of Professor O. BACKLUND, our medalist for the current year.

Adjourned.

D. S. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.